

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previously Presented) 3- α -Glucosyl α,α -trehalose represented by the chemical formula 3.

Chemical formula 3:

O- α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 3)-O- α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 1)- α -D-Glcp

Claims 4-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A process for producing 3- α -glucosyl α,α -trehalose of claim 3, which comprises the steps of:

allowing α -isomaltosyl-transferring enzyme to act on an aqueous solution comprising α,α -trehalose and a saccharide having a glucose polymerization degree of 3 or higher and bearing both the α -1,6 glucosidic linkage as a linkage at the non-reducing end and the α -1,4 glucosidic linkage other than the linkage at the non-reducing end to form 3- α -isomaltosyl α,α -trehalose represented by the chemical formula 2;

Chemical formula 2:

O- α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 6)-O- α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 3)O- α -D-Glcp-(1 \rightarrow 1)- α -D-Glcp

successively allowing glucoamylase to act on the resulting 3- α -isomaltosyl α , α -trehalose to form 3- α -glucosyl α , α -trehalose; and

collecting the resulting 3- α -glucosyl α , α -trehalose.

Claims 11-12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) A composition which comprises 3- α -glucosyl α , α -trehalose of claim 3 and one or more ingredients selected from the group consisting of other non-reducing saccharides, reducing saccharides, sugar alcohols, and minerals.

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Original) The composition of claim 13, which is in the form of a product for oral use, food and beverage, cosmetic, or pharmaceutical.